

Visitor's Guide: National Archives



The National Archives is home to original copies of the Declaration of Independence, Constitution, and Bill of Rights. The National Archives tour gives you an inside look at these historic records.



What to Bring: The National Archives tour office will email a tour confirmation directly to you. Please print this out and bring it with you. Please note that my office will not receive this confirmation.



Location: 700 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20408

Arrival: Since you will be receiving a Congressional tour, you can enter through the Special Events door at Constitution Avenue and 7th Street NW. You should be in line at the entrance at least ten minutes prior to the start time of your visit to pass through security screening. The last entrance to the building is 5:00 p.m.



Nearest Metro

Archives/Navy Memorial Museum Station—Yellow/Green Line, Indiana Avenue and 7th Street NW



Duration: One to one and a half hours. Note that during busy days, security alone can take up to one hour.



Upon entry, you will go through a security check. Prohibited items will be confiscated.

Prohibited Items:

- Weapons of any sort including knives, guns, explosives, etc.
- Food and beverages
- Backpacks

Accepted Items:

- Cameras (except in the theatre and exhibit areas)
- Cell Phones
- Strollers
- Purses
- Wallets
- Jackets
- Keys

- Umbrellas



Dining Options: The Charters Café in the National Archives Building is open Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Other options include eating outdoors on the Mall or at the U.S. Navy Memorial.



Gift Shop: The National Archives Shop has special hours from March 16 through Labor Day, when it is open from 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. The rest of the year, its hours are 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m. The Shop is located below the Rotunda of the Charters of Freedom.



Accessibility: This tour is accessible to individuals with mobility impairments.

If you have any further questions, please visit <http://www.archives.gov/nae/visit/reserved-visits.html>, or call our main office at (202) 224-2651 and ask for the Tour Coordinator.

If while in DC you need immediate help with your National Archives tour, you can call the Archives directly at (866) 272-6272.